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SUBJECT: REFLECTIONS ON MELO'S EXPULSION

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1. MELO MYTHS AND REALITIES: IN MY OPINION, MELO'S EXPULSION
MAY CAUSE GREATER REPERCUSSIONS THAN LOCAL CDS OFFICIALS
ARE WILLING TO ADMIT. FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS DATING TO
SUMMER 1975, I CONSIDER GALVAO DE MELO ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE
CDS CAMPAIGNERS IN THE NORTH. SOME BELIEVE HE HAS DOCUMENTS
IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH COULD INCRIMINATE PCP LEADERSHIP
AND CERTAIN HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY OFFICERS; OTHERS THINK MELO
ENJOYS STRONG MILITARY SUPPORT PARTICULARLY IN THE AIR FORCE.
I HAVE NO PROOF OF EITHER SUPPOSITION. BUT THE FACT THAT
MELO WON MANY VOTES FOR NORTHERN CDS TICKETS IS INCONTROVERTIBLE.
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2. MELOS POWER BASE: MELO HAS POLITICAL SEX APPEAL AND A
POPULIST TOUCH COMBINED WITH ORATORY TALENTS. THIS COMBINATION
IS IN SHORT SUPPLY AT CDS UPPER LEVELS. MELO PROVED PARTICULARLY
EFFECTIVE IN GETTING FRIGHTENED RIGHT WINGERS OUT OF
THE WOODWORK AND INTO THE PARTY. HE COMES OVER WELL WITH
CONSERVATIVE AND NORMALLY APATHETIC SMALL FARMERS. HIS

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POPULARITY AMONG REFUGEES IS SECOND TO NONE. MELO IS CREDITED
WITH CDS VICTORIES IN CITIES OF AVEIRO, POVOA AND VISEU,
A SLIGHT EXAGGERATION IN MY OPINION. NON-CDS DEMOCRATIC
OBSERVERS CONSIDER A SIZEABLE MINORITY (UP TO 20 PER CENT)
OF CDS VOTES TO BE DRAWN FROM FORMER SALAZAR SUPPORTERS WHO
WOULD BE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH MELO'S "TEMPORARY AUTHORITARIAN
REGIME" ALONG WITH MOST REFUGEES.

3. REFUGEE ISSUE: AS OF YET I NOTE NO RUSH AMONG LOCAL
REFUGEE CIRCLES TO JOIN MELO BANDWAGON. MOST CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE
FOR FOOD, HOUSING AND JOBS. THAT PLUS LACK OF ORGANIZATION
HAS HINDERED REFUGEES FROM THE BEGINNING IN EFFORTS TO BECOME
A REAL POLITICAL FORCE. BUT REFUGEE CAUSE HAS ALSO SUFFERED
BECAUSE IT HAS NO SINGLE MOTIVATING LEADER. MELO COULD FIT
THE BILL. IF MAIN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING
TO GRAPPLE WITH REFUGEE-RELATED PROBLEMS, REFUGEES AND MELO
COULD UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATE POLITICAL SCENE FOR YEARS.

4. THE OUTLOOK: IN THE SHORT TERM, CDS LEADERSHIP MUST BE
PREPARED TO MOUNT CAMPAIGN OF FULL EXPLANATION TO CUT ANY
EROSION OF RANK AND FILE. IN THE LONG TERM, WHO WILL REPLACE
HIM ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL? MELO HAS SAID BEFORE HE ONLY JOINED
THE CDS TICKET BECAUSE THE CDS WAS THE ONLY PARTY TO ASK
HIM. GIVEN HIS OVERWEENING AMBITION, MELO MIGHT ULTIMATELY
BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO A MARRIAGE OF POLITICAL CONVENIENCE WITH
ANOTHER PARTY. I DON'T EXCLUDE THE PS. IN THE MEANTIME,
SHOULD THE ECONOMY CONTINUE SLIDING, RIGHT-WING EXTREME
MAY BECOME LESS OF AN EXTREME AND MORE OF A MAINSTREAM
WHERE MELO WOULD BE HAPPIEST PADDLING IN THE MIDDLE.
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I THINK WE WILL HEAR MORE FROM MELO IN THE FUTURE.
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